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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, OCTOBER 8, 2002

PETITION OF

FRIES EXCHANGE CUSTOMERS

CASE NO. PUC-2002-00185

For Extended Local Service
from United Telephone - Southeast,
Inc.'s Fries Exchange to its
Austinville and Wytheville Exchanges

ORDER DIRECTING COST STUDY AND POLL

On September 9, 2002, telephone customers in United Telephone - Southeast, Inc.'s ("United") Fries Exchange petitioned the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for Extended Local Service ("ELS") to the Austinville and Wytheville Exchanges of United.

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered the petition and § 56-484.2 of the Code of Virginia, finds that this matter should be docketed. We further find that United should prepare a cost study to estimate the approximate change in the monthly rates that would result from the requested extension of local service from the Fries Exchange to the Austinville and Wytheville Exchanges. After preparing the cost study, United should poll its customers in the Fries Exchange regarding their willingness to pay higher rates for local calling to the Austinville and Wytheville Exchanges. If the Fries poll is

successful, United should then prepare a cost study to estimate the approximate change in the monthly rates that would result from ELS from the Austinville and Wytheville Exchanges to the Fries Exchange.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) This matter is docketed and assigned Case No. PUC-2002-00185.

(2) United shall prepare a cost study to estimate the approximate change in the monthly rates that would result from the requested extension of local service from the Fries Exchange to the Austinville and Wytheville Exchanges. United shall file the cost study with the Commission's Division of Communications on or before November 26, 2002.

(3) United shall poll its Fries Exchange customers to determine whether a majority of those customers are willing to pay an increase in rates for local calling to the Austinville and Wytheville Exchanges and shall file the results of its poll with the Commission as soon as possible, but no later than February 18, 2003.

(4) Pending a successful ballot in the Fries Exchange, United shall provide the Commission's Division of Communications, by April 1, 2003, a cost study to estimate the approximate change in monthly rates, if any, that would result

from the extension of local service from its Austinville and Wytheville Exchanges to the Fries Exchange.

(5) This matter is continued for further orders of the Commission.